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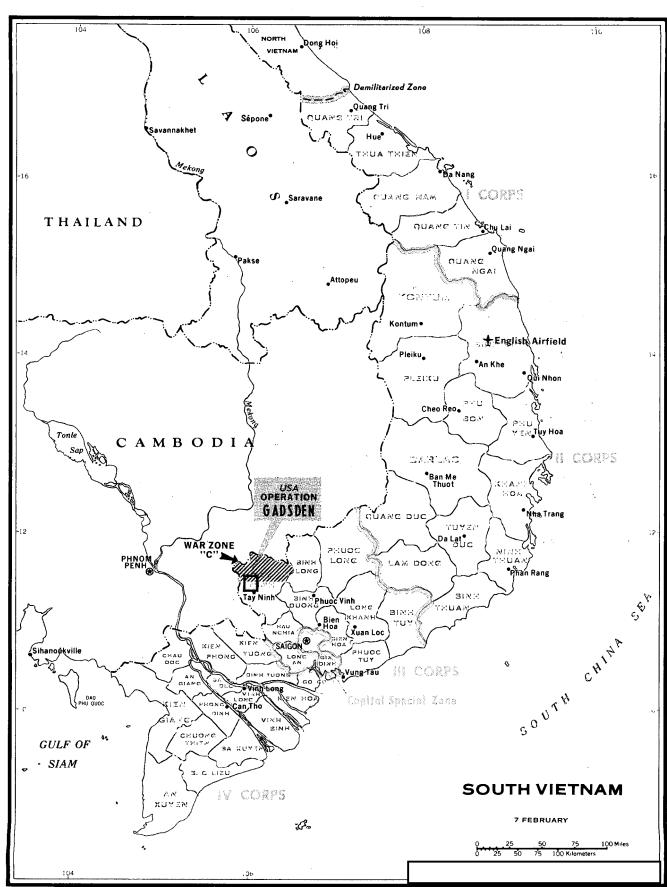
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I. THE MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM

- 1. In a flurry of activity on the eve of the lunar new year (Tet) truce, the Viet Cong attacked four US airfields on 6-7 February. Three of the Viet Cong raids were against US bases in the Mekong Delta, while the fourth was in coastal Binh Dinh Province. The attacks in the delta caused minor damage to US aircraft and few casualties; however, the attack against the US Army airstrip known as English Army Airfield, 47 miles northwest of Qui Nhon, caused friendly casualties of one killed (US) and 59 wounded (53 US).
- 2. US forces of the multibattalion Operation GADSDEN being conducted in the western portion of Communist War Zone "C" in northern Tay Ninh Province reported heavy contact with enemy forces on 5-6 February. Supported by US artillery and tactical air strikes, the Americans forced the enemy to withdraw. Preliminary casualty reports indicate that four Americans were killed and 47 were wounded. Communist losses are unknown.
- 3. Since this vast search-and-destroy operation began on 1 February, a total of 66 Viet Cong have been reported killed as compared with over-all American losses of 17 killed and 78 wounded.
- 4. Late on 6 February, a US Marine patrol sweeping the coastal flatlands of Quang Nam Province discovered eight caves with 17 enemy soldiers inside. The caves were searched and destroyed, resulting in four Communists killed and 13 others captured. There were no American casualties.
- 5. The Tet ceasefire begins at 6:00 PM EST on 7 February (6:00 AM, 8 February, Saigon time).

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III. MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTH VIETNAM

1. There is nothing of significance to report.

IV. OTHER COMMUNIST MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS

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V. COMMUNIST POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. Vietnam's lunar new year holiday season, Tet, which begins on 8 February, will be rather grim this year in North Vietnam

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DRV regime has urged its people to content themselves with a half day's rest rather than the usual three or four days of festivities and to mark the Tet celebrations by "work, austerity, and vigilance." The entire population has been invited to spend its leisure hours during the holiday season strengthening war fortifications and working in the rice fields. Official press statements have called for economy in celebrations, urging specifically that the people not sacrifice too many pigs, a traditional Tet delicacy.

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